

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 380

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Yvonne G. Hunter upon winning the 2007 Ms. Tennessee Senior America Pageant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative woman is Yvonne G. Hunter, who was crowned the 2007 Ms. Tennessee Senior America; she will represent Tennessee in the national Ms. Senior America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Tennessee Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and honor women who have reached the age of elegance; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Tennessee Senior America Pageant awards those women who best exemplify the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans, recognizing senior citizens are the foundation of America, and it is upon their knowledge, experience, and resources that younger generations have the opportunity to build a strong society; and

WHEREAS, born in Smith County, Tennessee, Yvonne Hunter attended the University of Tennessee and earned an MBA from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she is a certified instructor for the American Collectors Association; she is also a licensed insurance agent; and

WHEREAS, Ms Hunter's other work experiences include serving as a paralegal for Senator William Baird and Judge Willard Hagan, as a nurse and office manager for Dr. Kenneth Tilley, owner of eleven collection agencies and a home health agency, and a certified senior advisor; and

WHEREAS, her proudest moments are graduating from college in 2001, and raising her son, who was born legally blind and with heart defects, and assisting him in becoming a doctor; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Ms. Hunter faithfully serves the Church choir and Sunday school; her talent-winning song during the pageant competition was *My God is Real*; and

WHEREAS, with unwavering purpose and commitment, Ms. Hunter works as a court appointed special advocate for abused children; she is also a member of the chamber of commerce membership committee and ambassador committee, Go Red For Women Heart Association, and a Better Business Bureau Mediator and Arbitrator; and

WHEREAS, she lends her time and talents to a number of worthwhile organizations, including the Tennessee Fly Fishing Association, Wilson One Women's Club, Master Gardeners Association, National Association of Insurances and Financial Advisors, and the Contemporary A Cappella Society (CASA); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Yvonne Hunter has received awards from CASA, the Federated Women's Club, the American Collectors Association for which she has taught twenty five seminars, and the International Fellowship of Certified Collectors; and

WHEREAS, drawing from her wisdom and experience, Yvonne Hunter exhorts everyone to live by these words "Life is a song, love is the music, live with passion and compassion for those you love, the elderly, the abused child, and those less fortunate. Love and hope are the keys to happiness, joy and peace. Work diligently, play hard, pray daily, life is a journey...I am enjoying the trip."; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Hunter epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize this estimable citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Yvonne G. Hall upon being crowned the 2007 Miss Tennessee Senior America,

commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.